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HOT NEWS? CALL THE DX BULLETIN: 203-871-6251; LEAVE A MESSAGE!

PROPAGATION FORECAST: Sept. 27, 28, High Normal; Sept. 29, Above Normal; Sept. 30, Oct. 1-6, High Normal; Oct. 7, High/Above Normal; Oct. 8, High/Low Normal; Oct. 9, Low Normal; Oct. 10, Low/Below Normal; Oct. 11, 12, High/Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

QSLs FOR SALE

Iran and Iraq are at war, U.S. power and influence in the Middle East and elsewhere are ebbing, Japan obtains 72 percent of its oil from the Persian Gulf, and few want to pay five dollars for a Y11BGD QSL card. What's the connection?

Amateurs will buy a thousand dollars worth of radio gear and on the same day moan about paying 4Z4TT a buck for a ZM7TT confirmation. While most DXers realize throwing a dollar in an envelope is simpler than fooling with IRCs, stamps, etc., and most will do so gladly, when an expeditioner requires that it be done to help pay his expenses (for those who aren't familiar with the practice) the protests begin.

To say that this will lead to "DXCC costing a hundred dollars in fees" is ridiculous, because one may still confirm over 200 countries without doing any more than QSLing through the bureaus. When the last phase of

DXCCing is reached, the last dozen cards are being sought, what is each one worth in time, effort, and reimbursement? In days past, the money was spent in station refinements. Today, simply having a brave soul set foot in a perhaps unfriendly place is the hardest part of the chase. One doesn't have to spend the money to be the loudest station on 14210, so why not assist whomever is willing to make the sacrifice to put the really rare spots on the DXCC map?

The Third World amateur, his log filled with U.S. contacts, visualizes those DXers with their 26-inch color televisions and 15 mpg autos, then asks himself why should he not have a little help? Is it not just a little selfish to have more money in one transceiver than the annual per capita income of most other countries, then not be wil-

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ling to contribute half the cost of a Big Mac to an expedition which greatly increases one's enjoyment of the hobby? At least in these cases a QSL is assured.

If someone wishes to run a legitimate expedition and "charge" a buck for a QSL it is his own damn business. It has nothing to do with "ethics." Let's pray the DXCC administrators do not open this sort of Pandora's box.

--The Editor

Editor's Note: The preceding is one DXer's opinion of a topic which has had some exposure in the DX press of late, and does not necessarily represent the majority opinion of the readers of this publication.

Readers wishing to express their sentiments pro and con are invited to write and their letters will be considered for publication here.

JUAN DE NOVA UPDATE: The German group left Juan de Nova for the second time on Sept. 17, that time for good. Two reasons were given for their difficulties in operating from the island...one was that TVI was being caused to residents and "tourists," perhaps to both fringe reception from Malagasy and perhaps to on-site satellite reception. The other factor was belief that permission to operate from Juan de Nova had not been granted through all the proper channels.

After departing Juan de Nova, the team showed up from Glorioso, where the reception had been somewhat warmer, and operated on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, mainly using FRØDZ/G. At least a couple thousand contacts were made from Juan de Nova. QSL to DK9KD with small donations requested to defray the cost of this and last April's operations... about \$50,000.

KARL RENZ, K4YT, is on from Africa again and now is at 5U7AG following a few day's operating at XT2AW. He anticipates more activity from the Ivory Coast TU, Togo 5V7HL, and finally TY9ER around October 10. QSLs for these to W2TK.

LU3ZY QSLs are still backed up 3000 strong, reiterates LU2AFH, and it will be at least two months before they are cleared up. Not only are the logs undecipherable in spots, but many stations have sent as many as four cards for the same contact, adding to the stack.

NORTH COOKS: An unidentified, newly-licensed New Zealander will be leaving Oct. 6 for a stay on Penrhyn Atoll in the N. Cooks chain. He will be slow at first, crawling before walking, but should be available six or seven months. QSL manager will be announced after the operation (with an IC-701 and beam) begins.

Randy Rowe, NØTG, will be the featured DX Forum speaker at the ARRL Midwest Convention Oct. 11 and 12 in Lincoln Nebraska. He will be fresh from his operation now taking place from St. Kitts (VP2KAQ) and will be showing slides of the 1978 Navassa expedition.

Included with this issue, to U.S. subscribers only, barring any foul-ups in production, are a Report Form and postpaid envelope. Please keep them and use to send Bandpass and/or bits of information for the Bulletin. Please don't assume we already have it, because we may not! Thanks.

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Day of Month

Low Bands

EI4DL/7035/07E/19
FB8ZO/3505/13W/12
FP0FJW/7002/23E/15
FP8MR/7020/23E/17
GJ5DQE/7004/23E/15

GM3JOR/7017/07E/18
I3EVK/7081/05W/14
KL7JEF/7002/11E/18
LA1K/7026/03W/12
LU7FBS/7003/00E/15
OA4AYV/7185/11W/13

OA4AWD/7005/01E/14
PY7PO/0/7006/01E/14
T3AZ/7005/08E/19
UA1WBU/7013/02W/12
UD6DGY/7013/03E/15
UL71BN/7005/02E/15

VK6RZ/7004/23E/12
VP2EEK/7035/23E/14
VP8SB/7003/23C/14
Y48ZO/7090/04W/14
5N0DOG/7019/01E/12
8Q7BB/7002/14W/15
9U5AV/7005/22E/16

Africa

CT3AR/14260/11E/11
C5ACA/21306/23C/15
C5ACA/21275/23E/19
D4CBC/14206/05C/13
D4CBC/14204/02C/14
D4CBC/14203/03W/14
EA8PP/14032/06C/16
EA9GT/14030/22E/12
EA9IE/14204/00W/13
EA9EO/21025/20C/14
EA9GQ/21281/23W/14
EC9AQ/21008/00E/15
EA9GT/21033/22E/17
EA9EO/28022/21C/14
EA9IE/28602/16E/16
FR7BN/14009/03C/19
FR0DZ/J/28025/18C/16
DJ1US/
ST3/28502/00E/16
SU1BA/21257/00E/17
S7A/9/21344/00E/20
TR8IG/21005/22C/13

TR8DX/21273/22E/17
TR8DX/21288/23C/18
TU2DP/14247/23E/12
TU2JJ/14060/00C/13
TU2JJ/14215/01E/13
TU2JJ/14201/03E/20
TU4AT/21285/11C/17
TR8IG/28030/21C/14
XT2AW/14217/23E/12
XT2AW/21295/22W/14
XT2AW/21281/00E/18
XT2AW/21281/02W/18
ZD7AL/14215/06C/18
ZD7HH/21280/19C/18
ZD8TC/14020/01E/12
ZD8HDV/21344/23E/15
ZD8TC/28024/00E/12
ZE1DK/14239/13W/13
ZE4JW/14224/14C/13
ZE4JS/14220/14C/16
ZE6JL/28562/15E/21
ZS3HL/21273/19C/13
ZS3KC/28531/19C/15

3D6BS/14213/14C/13
3B6CD/14030/12C/16
3B6CD/14034/12E/17
3B6CD/21032/15W/14
3B8DB/14027/12C/16
8B8ZV/28600/06W/13
3B8DB/28513/13E/18
GW8JJZ/
5N0/14214/00E/14
5N0DOG/14013/01C/19
5N0KUY/21335/21E/13
5N3ALE/21277/21E/15
5N3FAV/21280/21C/16
5N3FAV/21290/22C/17
5N0DOG/21020/02C/17
5N0MAS/28050/16C/14
5N0DOG/28600/17C/17
5N0DOG/28005/01C/16
5T5AY/14039/11E/14
5V7HL/21290/22C/17
5V7HL/21289/21E/21
5Z4YW/28565/20E/15
6W8JQ/28533/11E/17

7P8DI/14213/15W/15
7X5DM/14204/01C/18
7X2LS/28660/22W/14
7X2LS/28661/21C/14
7X2BK/28610/19W/16
7X2BK/28610/20E/16
8Q7AV/14208/12E/16
8Q7AV/14203/12C/17
KA5HID/
9G1/14220/23C/12
9G1RF/21317/23W/14
9G1RF/21317/01C/15
9G1NG/28550/21E/15
9J2BO/14026/13W/16
9J2BO/21029/19C/18
9J2KL/21058/21E/21
9J2KL/28040/22C/14
9X5PP/28565/19E/15
9X5PP/28497/19C/18

Asia

AP2MQ/14215/01E/15
AP2MQ/14220/12C/17
A4XIQ/21310/15E/17
A7XD/21286/20E/12
HL9TS/14048/11C/12
HL9UB/14345/01E/12
HL9WP/14309/12E/17
HL9KE/14213/11E/19
HL9WP/14294/11E/20
HM1KR/21280/23E/21
HS1AMM/14208/11E/18
HS4AMI/14208/11E/18
HS1AMS/14202/11E/22
HS1AMM/21305/16E/15
HZ1AB/14232/02C/12
HZ1AB/14233/04E/12

JM1RYV/
JD1/14026/12E/12
JD1YAA/21030/02C/19
JY5ZM/14220/03E/20
JY3ZH/14221/05E/20
JY9BD/21382/20E/12
OD5FB/14208/02C/12
UF6CX/14029/03E/18
UF6CX/14020/02E/19
UH8EAD/14037/02W/16
UH8HAI/14004/03E/18
UI8LAC/14007/17E/12
UI8LAG/21280/17E/12
UI8OAA/21025/02C/19
UJ8BQ/14213/02W/14
UJ8BQ/14020/03C/14
UJ8BQ/14208/02W/16
UM8MBA/21025/02C/19

VS5DD/14213/15C/19
VS6JR/14035/12E/12
VS6JR/14030/12C/18
VS6JR/14208/12E/22
VS6IC/21330/01E/20
VU2BX/14217/13W/13
VU2HI/14212/12E/14
VU2CK/14212/14E/14
VU2KMK/14050/15E/15
VU2KMK/14034/11E/17
VU2BX/14209/12E/17
VU2XX/14203/13C/17
VU2BBJ/14201/12E/18
VU2KMK/14028/12E/18
VU2RAC/14206/15C/19
VU2XX/14224/12C/21
YB3KA/14251/11E/13
YB0PG/14212/14E/14

YB0BWW/14202/12E/16
YB0PG/14201/11E/19
YB0PG/14208/11E/21
YB0ADT/28040/15E/10
4S7EA/14212/12C/13
4S7VG/14029/01E/14
4S7EA/14202/11W/16
4S7DJ/14214/11E/16
4S7EC/14025/12C/17
4S7DJ/14212/11E/22
5B4HN/14196/02W/16
9M2GZ/14250/10E/12
9M2CB/14026/11C/13
9M2ST/14208/11E/21
9M2SQ/14201/14C/21
9N1MM/14202/01W/16
9V1UL/14225/13C/14
9V1OR/14204/11E/16

BULLETIN DEADLINES: Bandpass and News Items, Monday's mail in Vernon;
Telephone, 1400 UTC Tuesday.

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Europe

CT2AK/28520/12C/18
C31QH/21286/20E/13
EA6CJ/14042/22E/12
EA6IT/14219/00C/16
EI3AK/21026/15E/12
FC6GSE/14036/22E/13
GD4BEG/21026/19E/12

GD4AM/21025/19C/18
GD4AM/21023/20E/18
GJ5DQE/14022/02C/18
GJ5DQE/21020/11E/19
GJ5DQE/28025/18C/14
GU2RS/21305/13E/16
OH0AM/21026/13E/20
OY9K/14213/00C/16

SV0AO/14261/02C/18
SV0BI/21279/20C/15
TF3NA/14025/22E/13
TF3JO/14003/11E/14
TF3YH/14011/01C/19
TF3YH/21308/17E/19
TF3JB/28492/21C/14
UA1PAL/14235/04C/19

UA1PAL/14265/06C/19
3A2MY/14004/01E/15
3A0GY/21028/11E/19
9H4B/14218/04W/12
9H1EH/14221/00W/13
9H1ED/14021/05C/16
9H1GC/28524/21C/14

Oceania

C21AA/28595/00E/16
FK8DO/14010/12C/13
FK8CW/14040/11C/15
FK8DJ/14227/12C/18
KC6DC/14217/14E/13
KC6PM/14205/11E/22
K6SAD/
KH2/14202/13C/18

WD4CVK/
KH4/28590/21C/14
W6ENK/
KH4/28070/01C/15
W4PYH/
KH8/14218/12E/15
P29JS/14025/12C/18
P29NEL/28510/23E/15
P29NRL/28526/01E/16

T2XYL/14220/08W/17
T2XYL/14255/09E/17
T2XYL/14257/11C/17
T3AC/14204/12W/13
T3AC/14274/10C/18
T3AZ/28595/01C/19
VK9CT/14200/09E/12
VK9NL/14044/10C/16
VK9ZG/14209/11E/14

VK9ZG/28884/00C/16
ZK2PD/14203/11C/13

Elsewhere

CE2BFR/14031/00C/19
CE1BL/28536/13E/18
CE9AH/14020/10C/16
CO7PM/14012/01E/16
KA6ISE/
CX/21345/03C/11
CX7AQ/21023/01C/11
CX9DF/21300/23E/16
CX1AAO/28018/14E/14
C6ADV/21253/21E/17
FB8XY/14203/14W/19
FM7WO/14033/11C/15
FM7WU/28005/13E/12

FM7AV/28506/19E/17
FP0NN/14030/00E/12
FP8DS/14208/22E/14
FP0FXP/14208/22E/14
FP8HL/21003/21E/17
FY7AQ/14065/12E/17
HC2HM/14018/03E/18
HH2JR/28567/20C/16
HI8MFP/28595/23W/16
HK2DP/28050/19E/12
HT5JAR/14250/12E/16
HT1JCC/14001/03E/18
WB9VKK/
HR1/28555/15C/21

J6LIR/28505/20W/15
KC4AAA/14276/11C/17
KC4USV/14265/08W/17
KG4AH/14022/00E/15
PJ8DFS/21305/00E/17
PY7PO/0/14025/00E/13
PY7PO/0/21026/19E/14
VE8CFS/14007/11E/17
KA5BPE/
VP2A/28603/22E/15
VP2SAV/14208/05E/15
VP2VGS/14027/02C/19
VP8SB(A)/28520/17W/13
VP8QG(F)/28502/19E/16
XP1AB/28609/21C/14
ZP5NW/21030/00E/13
ZP5LX/28050/15E/12
4U1UN/14028/23W/16
4U1UN/14026/02C/18
4U1UN/21023/01C/18
6Y5HM/28650/21C/14
K9EF/
8R1/21025/19E/12
K9EF/
8R1/28024/14E/13

PROPAGATION (Thanks KH6BZF)

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
9/9	187	11	3
9/10	186	4	1
9/11	186	6	3
9/12	177	18	4
9/13	170	20	3
9/14	161	10	2
9/15	152	9	3

Speaking of WB7RFA over there in the next column, Craig will operate 6J8RF from Mexico City in the CQ WW Phone Contest, 10 Meters only.

The latest issue of CQ magazine features the DX column by K4IIF, with a run-down (as of the first of July) of expected DX operations during the CQ Phone Contest. Send updates to TDXB, please.

WB7RFA is publishing a bi-weekly bulletin on 10 Meter DX activity; we have ordered a subscription and will make a full report as soon as the first issue arrives here.

Although it was reported that UA1PAL on Franz Josef Land would depart September 15, that station was worked on the 19th. UA4HLK has said cards for UA1PAL should now be directed to him rather than to UA1OSM, but no direct address has been given so Box 88 must be the answer.

AA4M says we should clarify the note from last week about the U.S. Fourth call area QSL bureau...all single letter prefix calls are handled by Mecklenburg, while others are still processed by the Sterling Park club in VA.

Dave Gardner, K6LPL, is operating from French St. Martin as FG0FIS/FS7, now through Oct. 5, on 80-10 Meters, emphasis on CW. QSL W6ORD.

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Omar Shabsigh, YK1AO has returned to the air with an HW101, an SB100, and vertical antenna. He is a new amateur, has twenty states under his belt, and is working for the WAS award. He proposes to be on 14210 on Thursdays, 1400 UTC, from his Damascus home.

Omar was one of two representatives of Syria at the WARC '79 last year, and he was instrumental in the effort to retain 7100-7300 KHz for those parts of the world which have traditionally had that part of the spectrum. Omar speaks both English and Russian.

DJ1US/ST3 will be active until December 3, mostly CW on 28040, 21040 and 14040, plus the bottoms of 40 and 80 Meters. QSL to DF2RG or direct to Steve Bauer, Box 380, Wadmedani, Sudan, with NO callsign on the envelope.

Hal, ZD7HH, wants to make an expedition to Tristan da Cunha, ZD9, about March of next year; funds can be collected via W4FRU.

One reader who noted the recent letters about the Honor Roll claims that the "short time DXers" or "Sunspot Peak Wonders" will fade away along with 10 and 15 Meters. Come to think of it, that's probably likely. Anybody who thinks he's a Little Pistol now should wait for the dark days of DXing when the solar flux can't make it above 100.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, running for the office of Southwestern Division ARRL vice-director has been declared ineligible due to his editorship of *CB Magazine*. ARRL's by-laws preclude Board members being engaged in commercial ventures involving amateurs, including publishing. That's possibly not a bad idea from their point of view.

The Kansas DX Association has been formed with WD0BNC as Pres., WA0TKJ Sec/Treas., and AC0AA Publicity Editor. They already have a DX Alert spot on 2 Meters, a monthly DX gathering on 10, a newsletter, and of course club meetings, where many tales are laid.

5V7HL Togo has a schedule with N5ADC Sundays, 2100 on 21290.

Fr. Dave Reddy, CE0AE, should be back on the air from Easter Island around Sept. 24, with new equipment.

FH8CL runs an operation with I8KFB Tuesdays and Saturdays, 0300 or later on 14220.

If you missed 600DX last time, look for him on again about Oct. 1 with an amplifier and a radio which will work "Split." The U.S. is considering Somalia as a prime spot to place some stand-by troops in case of serious Middle East troubles. Did you know- the U.S. now has 30,000 troops on Diego Garcia? True.

W7KSA and his North East West South DX group should be available on 28560, 2000Z Sundays, beginning the 28th of Sept.

Latest issue of 73 magazine is a collector's item, their Twentieth Anniversary issue, and should not be missed. A year-by-year rundown of the magazine's history is quite enlightening. There's a pretty good DX column in there every month, too.

Look for the Pacific and Indian Ocean operations of JA3KWJ and comrades from the Solomons this week (Issues 54 and 56). After that, follow the schedule in Issue 54; they may be going someplace you need.

CALENDAR

✓ French St. Martin	FGØFIS by K6LPL now through Oct. 5; this issue
Africa	K4YT from TU, 5V7HL and TY9ER now through Oct. 10; this issue
N. Cooks ZK1	Starts Oct. 10 by an unnamed new ZL operator; this issue
DXPO 80	Sept. 27-28, Tyson's Corner, VA; Issue 52
Solomon Is.	JA3KWJ and friends, Sept/ 27-Oct. 2; Issue 54, 56, and this issue
New Hebrides	JA3KWJ and friends, Oct. 2-7
Houston COMvention	Oct. 3-5; Issue 52
NEDXCC	Oct. 4-5, Boxboro, MA; Issue 52
✓ St. Kitts	VP2KAQ now through Oct. 4 by NØTG and WØCZE; Issue 52
Beaver Island	Oct. 4-5 by Clinton IA ARC; WØCS
VK/ZL Contest	Phone, Oct. 4-5; activity from Norfolk, Issue 56
VK/ZL Contest	CW, Oct. 11-12, again activity from Norfolk, Issue 56
Cayman Island	Oct. 22-29 by W4YKH and others, Issue 56
Jersey	By Noviomagum DX Group, Oct. 22-26; Issue 56
Sable Is.	VELAI/1 last weekend of Oct. or Nov.; Issue 56
Macao	CR9B by KP4KK, Oct. 23-30; Issue 52
Fernando de Noronha	Nov. 2-7; Issue 53
Cayman Is.	Nov. 9-16; Issue 56
Abu Ail	First of December; Issue 53
Heard Island	January 1981; Issue 56

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Dying to hear the latest on the 10 Meter ICBM? A written order to Wilson brought U-bolts and nuts but no wrap-arounds for the elements; we asked for "complete element to boom clamps" but obviously a non-ham filled the order. A new Hy-Gain 105BA from a dealer brought a kit but one parts bag was missing, and it had the parts which cannot be got at the local hardware store. United Parcel is getting slower and slower...one week from Texas to Connecticut apparently is not enough time. We are awaiting a CDE "Tailtwister" which is supposed to be a new production run, instead of one of the old ones, most of which were recalled due to improperly hardened gears. We will probably get an old one with gears like putty. Such is life. The biggie may be on by Christmas...

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